



The Lily Pad

The Topeka Area Water Garden Society

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The objective of the society is to encourage a greater appreciation and interest in water gardening and aquatic plants, to disseminate information about those interests and to help our members stimulate the study and culture of water gardens.

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TAWGS Minutes from October, 2016

President, Chris Newell, called the meeting to order.

Our guest speaker was Linda Warner, owner of Faerie Tale Gardens, which is located at



919 N. Kansas Ave (NOTO).

Linda designs indoor gardens called tabletop gardens. Each one has a

creative theme using miniature plants and other

miniature items such as, animals, ponds, fences, etc. These are the perfect size



for a tabletop or desk. She also offers group building of gardens and birthday parties.

November 1, 2016

Monthly Meeting

6:30 November 16, 2016

Preston Hale Room
Ward Meade Park Botanical Gardens
124 N. Fillmore
Topeka, Kansas 66606

Annual Pot Luck



Our newly elected officers for 2017 are: Craig Dannenberg-President, Katrina Bruner-Vice President, Jim Mowder-Treasurer, Sherry Reed-Secretary.

Jim Mowder shared the treasurer's report. Don Taliaferro made a motion to accept the report, Don Reiger seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

A motion made by Don Taliaferro to approve the minutes as recorded in the Lily Pad for September's meeting. Don Reiger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made and carried to give Scott Williams from KTWU, who did the filming of our 2016 Pond Tour segment featured on Sunflower Journeys, a \$50 gift card for the Blind Tiger. Chris will invite him to our meeting in November.



A suggestion was made to get 10 aprons with TAWGS logo, to wear during Apple Fest. This will be looked into.

Our next meeting on November 16 will be a potluck starting at 6:30.



Our delicious refreshments were provided by Dave and Mary Horner. We want to thank them so much for doing this every month and offering to do this next year!

Door prizes were donated by our guest speaker, Linda and Jim and Sue Mowder. Winner's were Don Taliaferro and Sandy Reiger!

Motion was made by Don Taliaferro to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Green. Motion carried.

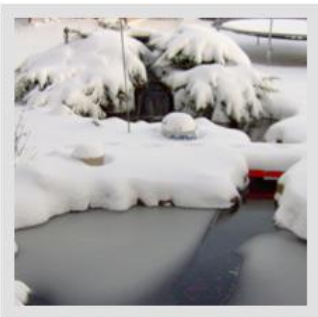
Sherry Reed, Secretary



If you turn pumps and filters off for the winter, be sure to drain all the connected plumbing. External filters, UV's, and external pumps will also need to be drained to prevent damage.

[I want to leave my pond running through the winter. Can I do so without damaging the equipment? – Water Garden & Features Q & A](#)

by thepondguy



Avoid turning your fish into sushi popsicles!

Water Garden & Features Q & A

Q: I want to leave my pond running through the winter. Can I do so without damaging the equipment? – Karen in New York

A: Who wouldn't want to enjoy their pond all year long? Whether you live in a warm climate or cold, you can relax to the soothing sounds of running water through the cold winter months; if you live in a region where your pond freezes over, you will need to take some precautions to protect both your equipment and your fish.

Lower the pump: If you have a submersible pump, like a [mag-drive pump](#), make sure that it's sitting beneath at least 24 inches of water, but not at the bottom of the pond. The water around it will remain fluid, while the water at the bottom – where

your fish hibernate – will remain relatively undisturbed.

Turn down the flow: Though it would be nice to have that waterfall thundering all winter long, turn it down to a trickle – or off completely. By leaving the flow high, you run the risk of super-cooling the water, which in very cold climates could turn your fish into sushi popsicles. Learn more about the dangers of super-cooling in [this blog entry](#).

Maintain the flow through your biofilter: Your fish will be fasting and not producing much waste during the winter, but it's still a good idea to keep oxygenated water flowing past the beneficial bacteria living in your biofilter, whether you're using a pressurized filter, like the [Pressure-Flo 1400](#), or a box filter, like the [Pondmaster Filter](#).

Consider a back-up plan: If you live in a freezing climate and you keep your pond running, you run the risk of damaging your plumbing and filtration system if the water stops flowing. If your pond design allows the water to flow back into the pond in the event of a power outage, you can avoid the problem.

In freezing climates, certain water features, like disappearing or small table-top fountains, will need to be shut down until spring. Simply drain the water from the feature and remove the pump. Submerge the pump in a 5-gallon bucket filled with water (or per manufacturer's recommendations), and store it in a place where the water will not freeze. If you don't keep the pump submerged in water and it dries out, the seals inside the pump could crack, causing the pump not to work properly

Don't Forget the birds this winter





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AT THE POT LUCK**

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3119 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66614

November 16th Monthly Meeting

 Pot Luck Dinner

Send dues to

Jim Mowder
3717 SE 31st Street
Topeka, Kansas 666

**Topeka Area
Water Garden Society**

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Sherry Reed	Secretary
Topeka	785-408-5060
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Meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of
Each month at Old Prairie Town (Ward Meade Park)
unless

Otherwise publicized. Dues are \$15 per single or \$20 per
Family and can be sent to Jim Mowder, 3717 SE 31^s
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